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EX PARTE NOTICE

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Marlene H. Dortch Secretary Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street, S.W. Room TW-A325 Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: ALLTEL Communications Inc., Petitions for Designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier CC Docket No. 96-45, DA Nos. 03-1881, 03-1882, 03-3824, 03-3825

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Enclosed for filing in the above-referenced docket is the letter of Glenn S. Rabin, Vice President, Federal Communications Counsel for ALLTEL Communications, Inc. ("ALLTEL"), supplementing the record in ALLTEL's petitions for designation as an eligible telecommunications carrier ("ETC") in Virginia, Alabama, North Carolina, Georgia and Florida ("ETC Supplement"). As explained in the ETC Supplement, in light of the criteria set forth in the *Virginia Cellular ETC Order*¹ and ALLTEL's service commitments in the ETC Supplement, the petitions should be granted expeditiously as to the non-rural service areas covered by the petitions.

In accordance with Section 1.1206 of the Commission's rules, this letter and enclosure are filed with your office for inclusion in the public record in the above

¹ Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service; Virginia Cellular, LLC Petition for Designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier In the Commonwealth of Virginia, FCC 03-338, CC Docket No. 96-45 (Jan. 22, 2004).

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referenced proceeding. If you have any questions regarding this *ex parte* notice, please contact the undersigned.

Yours truly,

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